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Albany Targets Hospital For New Library Site

Suing Doctors also claim building

By Bobby Calvan

ALBANY -- The city is considering buying the Albany Hospital building from Alta Bates to solve its library relocation and community meeting space problems, it was announced by Mayor Ed McManus Monday night.

The announcement comes as a surprise to the Albany Medical Group which is now in a legal battle with Alta Bates over the purchase of the Marin Avenue building.

According to Michael Smith, a member of the consortium of doctors, Alta Bates had agreed to sell the building to the Group, but has recently reneged on that agreement. The Group is now suing Alta Bates for specific performance of the contract. If the Group is successful, Alta Bates would be forced to sell the building to Smith and his partners. Officials at Alta Bates refused to comment on matters related to the litigation.

The asking price for the 26,000 square-foot building is currently \$1.25 million, according to a spokesman for Coldwell Banker, who is representing Alta Bates in the sale. The city has not yet fully determined how it would finance purchase of the building, which would be used to house a new library, but state bond money could be available if California voters approve a funding measure in November that would provide matching grants to libraries statewide. Other funding sources are also being considered.

If the city is successful in buying the building, it would provide

much needed space for potential office space, meeting rooms as well as the library, according to city officials. Library boosters have said the library will need at least 13,000 square feet to accommodate its books, tapes, videos and records, as well as its increasing number of patrons.

Because of uncertainties related to the purchase of the building, however, the city is not yet ready to drop plans for relocating the library at the City Hall complex as originally proposed. At this point, according to city officials, the purchase of the building is only a "possibility."

Several other potential buyers have expressed an interest in purchasing the building, according to Coldwell Banker.

The Council made the announcement after breaking into a closed session after Monday night's regular council session. They returned from closed session to make the announcement.

Albany Hill Masterplan
During its main session Monday night, the City Council approved in principle the creation of a masterplan for developing Albany Hill for potential park use.

But the council said it was not ready to fund the plan. Recreation and Community Services Director John Williams tried to keep separate the need for a masterplan for the hill and creek area from funding issues, but city councilmembers seemed unable to get away from the bottom line issue of money.

"There is no request for funds. Our intent is to ask for direction," Williams told the council.

Albany Home Raided In Prostitution Sweep



Left, a woman is led out of the Albany house where police broke a suspected prostitution ring Tuesday. Right, a bedroom in the



house was decorated with \$115 in cash.

By Bobby Calvan

ALBANY -- Two women were arrested by police Tuesday in connection with an alleged house of prostitution in Albany.

Police arrested Michelle Marie Louazil, 40, who police said operated a prostitution house at 1315 Marin Avenue. Rebecca Jo Boren, 23, of Oakland, an alleged employee of the woman, also was arrested in connection with the bust.

A third employee who showed up at the house moments after the

bust was detained by police, but not arrested. The house was allegedly being rented by Louazil and another woman, who police did not identify. According to police, further arrests are pending investigation.

Customers of the business who later showed up for appointments were also detained and questioned by police. Police also reported that telephones at the house "never stopped ringing."

Louazil and Boren will be arraigned at the Albany/Berkeley Municipal Court next week on

charges of prostitution, pandering and being in a house of "ill-repute." Louazil may also be charged with operating without a business license.

Louazil has been released on bond. Boren has also been released.

Police raided the house late Tuesday afternoon after an undercover police officer equipped with a "wire," or concealed microphone, solicited the business. Police entered the premises with a search warrant and found employee lists and

schedules, as well as an appointment book filled with names of the business's clientele. Police said men as far away as Sacramento had frequented the house.

Police said the house was placed under surveillance three weeks ago after neighbors suspected illegal activity within the house, according to Sgt. Ronald Patton, who headed the investigation. Neighbors told police they saw an unusual number of men frequenting the three-bedroom house. All bedrooms were allegedly used.

Grigsby Files \$1 Million Claim In Beating Case

Bay City News

EL CERRITO -- A transient allegedly beaten by an El Cerrito police officer has filed a \$1 million claim against that city for what his attorney calls "outrageous" conduct on the part of El Cerrito officials.

Oakland attorney Oliver Jones, who is representing 41-year-old Leroy Grigsby, said the city was trying to "coerce" and "intimidate" his client by pressuring him to sign a release paying him \$10,000 not to sue the city.

Grigsby was allegedly beaten in

the head with a flashlight, handcuffed and driven to Point Isabel in Richmond by Officer Scott Schaker in the early morning hours of Aug. 3. He also alleges that the officer forced him to walk into the Bay.

Schaker, 22, was scheduled to appear in a Richmond municipal court yesterday afternoon to set preliminary hearing dates.

The officer, who resigned from his position, faces three felony counts and one misdemeanor count for charges that could send him to state prison for a maximum of eight years if convicted.

Jones said Grigsby is known in the community as an emotionally disturbed man, adding that the city took advantage of his client by finding him just two days after the alleged incident took place and offering the \$10,000 release.

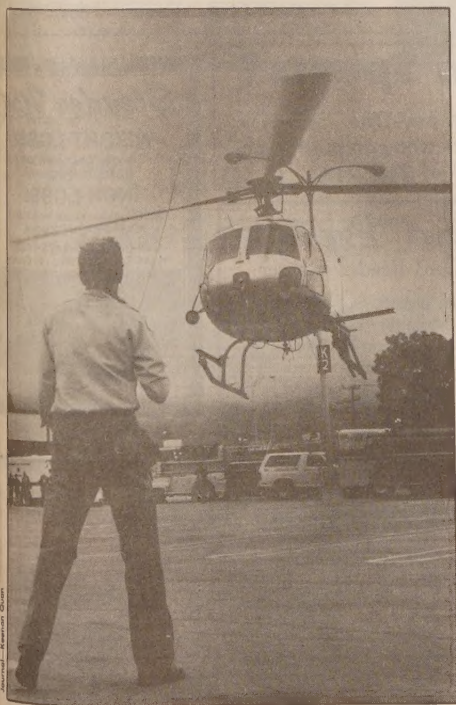
He said the circumstances surrounding Grigsby's signing of the release make the document "improperly secured" and subject to being contested in court.

Jones said Grigsby's mother, Minnie Lee Galloway, was not informed of the agreement until "she saw her son drive down the street in a Cadillac."

Jake O'Malley, the city's claims manager, declined to comment, but he said at the time of the settlement that it is common practice for the city to make such agreements in the event of possible litigation and that he tried unsuccessfully to persuade Grigsby to put the money in the bank.

Jones, who said he expects the city to reject his claim, said he is prepared to file a lawsuit in Federal Court in San Francisco.

"When all is said and done, I believe the release will be tossed out and Mr. Grigsby will prevail in Federal Court," Jones said.



Eye on the Sky

By Christina Smith

EL CERRITO -- The Cal-Star helicopter carrying Smokey the Bear set down in the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot Saturday, to the delight of dozens of children there to participate in the fifth annual Tri-City Safety Day.

The event, organized by the El Cerrito Fire Department, was attended by safety and law enforcement agencies from all over the East Bay. The agencies are part of a mutual

assistance agreement to ensure rapid and effective response to emergencies throughout the Bay Area.

"The basic idea (of the safety day) is to let people see what agencies we can call upon in El Cerrito and give them an opportunity to learn more about safety," said Ralph Figueira, organizer of the gathering.

The event was largely geared toward children, with pint-size plastic fire hats and badges available for the asking.

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Siri Named EC Mayor; Search For Manager Narrowing

By Will Kilgord

EL CERRITO -- The field of possible search firms to locate a new city manager narrowed to three Monday night when the City Council named the companies it will pursue talks with.

Shannon Associates, Ralph Anderson, both of Sacramento, and California Municipal Consultants of Los Gatos will receive requests for half-hour presentations at a special meeting Oct. 24, open to the public.

Fees are expected to range from \$8,700 to \$20,000, with another \$4,000 to \$7,000 in expenses before a permanent city manager can be found.

The council also named Jean Siri mayor and Bob Bacon mayor pro-tem by unanimous vote. Siri will replace former Mayor Anna Howe, who resigned due to her bout with cancer. The council now needs one member, who will be appointed after interviews.

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Bay Cities, El Cerrito's contractor, is already undergrounding utilities on Cutting Boulevard.

EL CERRITO -- San Pablo Avenue's less-than-charming character will get a \$2.4 million boost including a landscaped median island and synchronized traf-

fic lights by March, said Public Works Director Bob Dunn.

Speaking to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, Dunn outlined the plan, which covers

the area from Cutting Boulevard to Potrero Avenue and will include widening the west side of San Pablo Avenue by six feet.

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Police Beat

Mini-Mart robbery

ALBANY -- The following is a partial list of police reports for the previous week:

Mini-Mart Robbery

• A man pulled off an early morning robbery Sunday at the ARCO Mini Mart at the corner of Marin and San Pablo avenues. The suspect, a black male who is believed to be in his early 20s, 5 ft. 9 inches tall and wearing a gray jacket, dark pants and a gray cap, fled with \$180 in \$20 and \$5 bills.

According to police reports, the suspect entered the store slightly before 1:52 a.m. and asked the clerk for a pack of cigarettes. When the clerk handed the cigarettes over, the suspect placed his right hand inside his jacket and ordered the clerk to "open the cash register, this is a stick up."

The pack of cigarettes left behind by the robbery suspect has been brushed for fingerprints.

No getaway vehicle was heard or seen.

Theft

• Silver-gray 1988 Ford Grenada stolen from the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue. License plates: 2KDH369.

• A chrome MongOOSE BMX bicycle was stolen from a garage on the 600 block of Madison Avenue. Two other bikes in the garage were left behind by thieves.

Keith, where are you?

• The owner of a 1988 Hyundai GLS was befriended by a man named Keith. Keith borrowed the Hyundai and promised to return it. The car and — and Keith — have not been spotted since.

Garbage collection

• A transient found digging through garbage on 1500 block of Solano Avenue decided to seek "neat trash" elsewhere when police came by.

Potty lock boo-boo

• Police assisted a woman locked in a laundromat restroom in the 1400 block of Solano Avenue. After jimmying the knob, the door lock released and the woman was freed.

Assault and bat-tery?

• Two men who tailed another man, the apparent victim of this altercation, as he walked home from work got into a verbal match. Words were apparently heated enough that one man pulled out a baseball bat from his car and threatened the victim. The victim fled, and so did the suspects.

Happy retirement

• After more than 20 years with the City of Albany, Nancy Ramos is retiring. She most recently worked as a parking enforcement officer with the police department. According to fellow employees at the police department, "she will be missed."

Crank calls abound

By Christina Smith

The following is a list of crime that occurred in Kensington.

Mischief

• A man on Anson reported damage to the mirror of his vehicle on Sept. 17.

• An officer reported observing two female juveniles possibly vandalizing a mailbox on the corner of Arlington and Rincon on Sept. 18.

Medical Assists

• A woman reported her husband was having a seizure in the breakfast nook on Sept. 16. The man was transported to Kaiser Hospital.

• A woman requested a welfare check on a woman living on Trinity on Sept. 19. The resident was found unconscious and transported to Brookside Hospital.

• A bus driver reported a man had collapsed on his bus on Sept. 19. The man was transported to Herrick Hospital.

• Arlington Pharmacy reported that a man was having a stroke on Sept. 21. The man refused treatment and was transported home.

Over The Phone

• Albany police reported a 911 call from Highland on Sept. 17. A juvenile was contacted and everything was fine.

• A man reported receiving several threatening phone calls in the last few days on Sept. 18. Unknown male voice.

• Albany police reported a 911 call from Canon pertaining to approximately eight people talking a little loudly while walking towards the park on Sept. 19.

• Albany police reported a 911 call from Purdue on Sept. 19 about an irate citizen stating he was going to kill the people on the street. The man was apparently angry about noise from garbage collectors.

• A woman on Oberlin reported Sept. 21 she had been receiving annoying phone calls for approximately three months.

Lockouts

• A woman on Lake reported being locked out of her residence on Sept. 16. Assistance rendered.

• A woman on Arlington reported locking her keys in her vehicle and requested assistance

in gaining entry on Sept. 17.

• A woman at Highland requested assistance on lockout on Sept. 18. Entry gained.

• An officer was flagged down by a woman locked out of her car on Sept. 20. Unable to gain entry; AAA called.

Accidents

• A citizen reported a non — injury accident at Anson and Eureka on Sept. 16.

• An officer reported finding a vehicle that was the victim of a hit and run on Lake and Beloit on Sept. 17.

Etc.

• A citizen reported that juveniles on skateboards were creating a hazard at Berkeley Park and Stratford on Sept. 17. Juveniles were gone on arrival.

• Albany police requested assistance with a disturbance at Albany Bowl on Sept. 18. Two suspects taken into custody.

• Officer reported finding a vehicle alarm sounding on Arlington. Alarm activated when officer transmitted on car radio.

Smoke-free class of 2000

Alameda County school superintendents, led by County Superintendent William Berck, decided at their Sept. 9 meeting to support the Smoke-Free Class of 2000 project. SFC 2000 is a national anti-smoking educational effort aimed at first graders who will graduate in the year 2000. The project is sponsored by local coalitions formed of the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and the American Lung Association.

In May, 1984, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop issued a challenge to the nation to create a smoke-free society by the end of this century. He said, "Bend your efforts in the next years to seeing a high school senior class nationwide graduating as the first smoke-free generation."

Smoke-Free Class of 2000 is the educational and awareness project that the tri-agency group developed in response to Dr. Koop's challenge. Its aim is to keep America's young free from addiction to cigarettes. According to Annette Gilbert, local coalition representative, "This probably is the most ambitious school health program ever undertaken. It will stretch over 12 years and target nearly three million American children. The payoff in improved health prospects for these kids will be enormous."

The project will involve at least half of the first graders in the state this year, a total of 150,000 students. School kits for first grade classes will include smoking prevention lessons for the classroom and take-home items for parents. Alameda County teachers who want the materials should call the project at 632-9606.

Next spring when the Class of 2000 graduates from first grade, the project will encourage special celebrations across California. Gilbert said the graduating students will invite the 1988 kindergartners to join them in choosing to be smoke-free and each year the challenge will be passed on to the next first grade students.

"This program won't produce a ripple effect," Gilbert said. "It will produce a tidal wave."

Newts expected

Fall is approaching and park officials are making plans for the first rains and the accompanying newt migration at Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley.

East Bay Regional Park District officials say they will periodically close Tilden's South Park Drive after heavy rains to protect the slimy migrants.

Newts are small, yellowish brown salamanders common in the regional parks.

During the wet season, they crawl from the trees and woods to the ponds and marshes where they mate.

The park district says South Park Drive, which connects Grizzly Peak Boulevard to Wildcat Canyon Road, is a major newt thoroughfare but also a popular automobile route. And the speedy vehicles are hazardous to the slower newts.

Newts frequently make their trek in the evening, so road closures will likely occur between dusk and 10 p.m. following heavy rains. Signs will be posted soon informing the public about the likelihood of detours.

Park naturalists plan eventually to monitor the newt population and come up with a plan to protect the unusual creatures.

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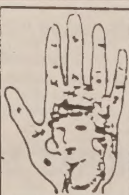
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Schools Calendar

The second annual RUSD Education Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Contra Costa College in San Pablo. The "Get High on Education" rally will include local celebrities, prizes, and performances by the high school marching bands. Admission and parking are free.

The phone number for the Richmond Unified School District is 234-3825. Listed below are the El Cerrito area schools, their specialties and phone numbers, as well as upcoming school events.

Castro Elementary
Sept. 29: Student Holiday, Teacher Inservice Day
Oct. 6: PTA Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Call the school at 234-6200.

Fairmont Elementary
University Lab
Call the school at 525-5235.

Harding Elementary
Gifted-Talented
Oct. 5: School Pictures
Call the school at 525-0273.

Kensington Elementary
Gifted-Talented

Oct. 4: Joint Parent Groups Meeting (PTA, KEF, Dads Club), 7:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room
Call the school at 526-7343.

Madera Elementary
Sept. 29: Student Holiday (Staff Development)
Oct. 3: PTA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Multipurpose Room
Oct. 4: PTA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room, topic: bylaws
Call the school at 235-4499.

Mira Vista Elementary
Classical Studies
Oct. 7: Student Holiday (Teacher Inservice)
Call the school at 232-4064.

Adams Middle School
Gifted-Talented/International-Futures
Call the school at 235-5464.

Portola Junior High
Oct. 12: Makeup Pictures
Call the school at 524-0405.

El Cerrito High
Visual/Performing Arts/Humanities
Oct. 4: All City Council Barbecue
Oct. 6: Minimum Day, Back-

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LITA spells love for Contra Costa seniors



Journal—Kearney Quan

By Daniel S. Levine

EL CERRITO — At the age of 93, Margaret has lived in the Hillhaven Brookvue nursing facility in San Pablo for five years now. When she was 88, she felt unable to continue caring for herself. Her husband of 51 years had died some time before and she did not want to become a burden to her children.

"You get old and people don't want you," Margaret says. "They really don't want you — you're just a nuisance. The sooner you're gone, the happier they will be."

Margaret's daughter usually visits on Sundays, but Margaret wishes that she would come mid-week too. Failing eyesight now prevents her from reading and she says "I sit here most of the time like a dummy because I can't see."

Ina Rife makes the difference in Margaret's life. A LITA (Love Is The Answer) volunteer, Rife has visited Margaret once a week for the last five years. "I love it when I have company," says Margaret.

Ina tells her that she is baking sourdough bread next week and will bring her some, as she has in the past. Margaret's face becomes animated and she describes how good the bread was last time.

LITA, a Contra Costa-based program, matches volunteers as one-on-one friends to nursing home residents who have no one to visit them regularly. The California Association of Health Facilities reports that over half of the people who live in nursing homes are not visited by anyone on a regular basis. "Loneliness may be our major terminal illness," says Emily Caperton, ex-

ecutive director of LITA.

Nursing homes are filled with people who "have lost a spouse, lost most people in their family, lost their home, health, everything, and don't have a single person," says Caperton. "They can be in a great facility with great food, but a person can still die of loneliness."

Hillhaven Activities Director Briana Nelson works with LITA to match residents with LITA volunteers. She speaks of the tremendous impact the visits have on the residents, providing them with a sense of worth, giving them something to which they can look forward, and serving as a connection to the community outside. She is currently trying to match 15 residents who have no one to visit them.

Jimmy Hernandez is a LITA volunteer. It has been a year since his 11-year-old son died of a cerebral hemorrhage. He talks about the day he removed his son from the respirator and held him for 15 minutes as he lay dying. It was this contact with death, the deep depression which followed, and the interaction with a support group over the next year that led Hernandez to become a LITA volunteer.

"It's not out of a sense of obligation," explains Hernandez, referring to the support he received from volunteers. "It's out of empathy." Hernandez says he knows the pain of feeling alone and that "sometimes a hug, a smile, or a handshake makes all the difference in the world. It really helped me to understand that there's love out there."

Hernandez visits Joe, a 97-year-old resident of Hallmark Nursing Center in San Pablo. While they have only been paired two weeks, the impact upon Joe



Journal—Andre Gaston

Above, Jimmy Hernandez and new friend Joe strike a casual pose. Left, LITA Executive Director Emily Caperton works at tasks such as trying to gain funding for the community program.

has been great. Last Sunday, when Hernandez visited, Joe ate his entire lunch. Speaking of an appetite that he was new to him, Joe told Hernandez, "Keep coming around. You're good for me."

"It's not the quantity, but the quality of the time spent with people that really makes the difference," says Hernandez. Often it's not a matter of talking, but of listening. "Joe loves to talk, and he's got a lot to say."

Hernandez brought Joe a box of Kleenex one day and tells of how much it meant to his new friend. "For you or me it wouldn't mean much. You have to buy one less lottery ticket, or two less cups of coffee, but it means so much to them to know that someone thinks of them and cares."

Hernandez feels strongly that people in nursing homes not be thought of as separate from everyone else. "They are a part of us," he says. "They are a part of this society. They feel like they are lepers or something. They are shoved aside and no one wants them, but there is so much history in them, so much to be accessed."

LITA now has volunteers placed in 14 of the 35 nursing homes in Contra Costa County. Caperton is trying to put the organization through a radical expansion, but needs more funding and more volunteers.

According to Caperton, LITA needs a special person who is not afraid to come in contact with someone else's suffering. She also explains that it is important that people in nursing homes not only be recipients of love, but have someone to love.

Caperton also talks of the barrier which people must overcome to volunteer, saying that many people fear that the person in a nursing home may be themselves one day. Once you cross that line, says Caperton, "there's a lot of love, a lot of reward. It's getting through the door that is the hard part."

Like the 35-year-old Hernandez, who works full-time as a commercial printer, Caperton talks about the change in the nature of volunteers. She says it used to be housewives, but now most of the volunteers work full-time.

"There is an emptiness in peoples' lives," says Caperton. "Once you have the VCR, the two cars, and a swimming pool, there is still a lot of emptiness in our lives. This type of work gives a sense of family, a sense of community."

Speaking of the difficulty of getting funding, Caperton says, "There is not enough emphasis on the aged. For an organization based on pure humanity, pure love, it's very hard to get funding."

LITA of Contra Costa was founded in 1980 by Iris Suh of El Cerrito. It was the first independent expansion of LITA, Inc. of Marin and Sonoma counties which were founded by Mae Wygant in 1975. It is operated independently of the other LITAs, but they are all cooperative and support each other.

Training is provided for volunteers by LITA. They are located at 6830 Stockton Avenue in El Cerrito and can be reached at 527-2055.

Letters

Committee ignored

Dear Editor:
Here we go again! The same old tune in Albany. In response to a problem/question, the City Council forms a committee. The committee works hard for several months and prepares a final recommendation. The Council then ignores it and chooses to ignore it. Would familiar?

I have two recommendations for the City Council: (1) Set out clear objectives for these committees to work with, i.e., if the City Council has a pre-existing policy/opinion, indicate this to the

committee, and (2) when rejecting their recommendations give the committee some credit for the work they did and try to justify why you are ignoring their findings.

And another recommendation to the citizens of Albany: Think twice before volunteering to be on a committee. You may feel as if you've wasted a lot of your time.

Nancy Nelson
Albany

Nancy Nelson is Chair of the Albany Parks and Recreation Commission.

Chemical bug zapper?

Last night an official told us that the usual animals that roam around Tilden Park aren't there anymore.

In recent months as I walk near Tilden Park, I have become aware

of the absence of any bugs that are usually around.

Could it be that Chernobyl or the nearby refineries are causing this?

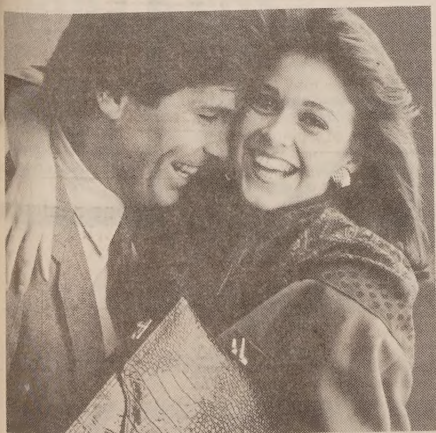
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Newsmaker's Dossier

Portraits in four dimensions

Gaynor paints across the gap between worlds



Spirits are the subject and inspiration for psychic artist Mary Gaynor's paintings, currently on exhibit at "The Bearded Giraffe" in El Cerrito.

By Daniel S. Levine
EL CERRITO -- When artist Mary Gaynor was commissioned by a psychic to paint a portrait of three spirits which surround his aura, she entered the light trance

in which she normally paints, travelled to another dimension, and painted what she saw. Upon seeing the finished work, the psychic immediately returned it, asking that she repaint the third

figure, because she had mistaken one of her spirits for one of his.

Educated at Wellesley, Gaynor received a B.A. in art history. She moved to New York, where she continued to study art and became part of the underground art scene. Seven years ago, she moved to the Bay area and says that she remains outside of the California art world.

"I'm too shamanistic for the Bay area visionary art movement," Gaynor says. "I'm fed up with begging people to show my work and having to explain it and make excuses for it." It is because of this that Gaynor exhibits in more metaphysical settings like The Bearded Giraffe, rather than traditional galleries.

While Gaynor has met resistance and is frequently asked to explain her paintings, she says her work is not that unusual. "If you go out of America and go to all these other cultures it's nothing."

Referring to cultures that have painted spirits for years, Gaynor says, "Those people would know exactly what I am and what I do and it wouldn't be at all odd and they would have words for what I do and they would all understand it from the time that they are little."

Gaynor says that her paintings are demanding upon their viewers. "They require that you really center in your body and

figure, because she had mistaken one of her spirits for one of his. Such are the problems of being a psychic painter.

Those were the early days, and Gaynor says she is much better at tuning in now. A show of 20 of Gaynor's paintings opened Sunday at "The Bearded Giraffe" in El Cerrito, a bookstore that specializes in "books for lighting the inner lamp."

Gaynor gave a slide presentation, which included many works which were not displayed in the exhibit, as she spoke about her work to a group of 30 who crammed into the bookstore's small quarters.

Comparing herself to a sensitive radio receiver, Gaynor explained that she is "drawing realities that you can't see with your regular eyes, but which are all around us."

Spirits are the subject of her paintings, which are usually dominated by a single range of color and have a simplicity of design and a directness in their treatment. There is a recurring vocabulary of symbols, such as swirls and stars, that are consistent throughout her work.

Gaynor, who describes herself as a medium, someone who "a higher vibration spirit can work through," says that a lot of artists are mediums, but do know it. "What they call inspiration is probably working with spirits."

slow down and allow them to enter your field." She says it is difficult for people who live in a culture "that's always waiting for the next commercial."

Color is very important to Gaynor. "It's my big language," she says, as she explains the shorter wave-lengths of light, purple and blue, have a "high energy," and that the slower frequencies like red and orange "more earthly, less spiritual energy."

Her more recent works moved away from the cool tones and now tend to be dominated by reds and yellows. "I'm more in the paintings now. I had to make a deal with spirits. In the old ones, the spirits really ran the show. In the new work it's more 50-50. I'm getting something in and the spirits are getting something in," describes this as a "healing balance."

An astrologer and healer, Gaynor sees the paintings as an extension of her psychic work. "I'm working with very different energies which have to do with transformations of peoples lives. She adds that her paintings are "helping people change their lives."

The exhibit, which is at 680 Stockton Avenue, will run through Halloween, the day Gaynor says is "the best day of the year."

Sheepskin seat covers— they're baaad!

By Barbara Davidson

ALBANY -- Sheepskin will not ignite if it were to rub shoulders, so to speak, with a lit cigarette.

This is useful to know in two cases: If you are a sheep with a nicotine habit, or if you simply want to buy the fuzzy stuff to spruce up the interior of your car.

According to Dave Hong, manager of Cozy Sheepskin at 518 San Pablo Ave. in Albany, if a cigarette were dropped, it would leave a burn mark, but if the burned area were brushed with a wire pet brush, the burned part would come off, leaving no trace of damage.

Hong said there are other advantages to buying sheepskin seat covers for cars, trucks, vans and airplanes (nine-seaters). He has been selling sheepskin in Albany since the store was moved here from Los Angeles 14 years ago. "There was too much competition down there," he said.

"Sheepskin warms you up in winter and cools you off in summer," said Hong. "Sheepskin tends to breathe, so you don't sweat on a long drive. Some customers, after taking a long auto trip, have returned to tell me that it made a big difference having the sheepskin this trip compared to their one without it."

"We use sheepskin from Australian merino sheep. The

best sheepskin comes from Australia and New Zealand. South American skins are not as good. They don't cure it properly, so an odor remains. Also, the skin itself is about half as thick as Australian sheepskin," he said.

Hong said that auto parts stores sell one-size-fits-all seat covers and they don't fit. Cozy Sheepskin stocks seat covers for a variety of seat sizes and styles. "When a customer comes in, he can actually try the seat covers on, so he can sit on it and see how it feels and how the color looks in the car," he said.

There is a choice of 14 colors, and the installation is free. Special colors cannot be ordered, because the factory is not set up to dye single items. Most people buy natural or tan, and Mercedes owners use a lot of silver greys or gold colors. Hong noted that whenever married men come in, they always ask their wives what color to choose before making a purchase.

Sheepskin seats are most often sold to owners of Mercedes, Volvos, and BMWs, who usually buy the top of the line. When people have old cars and the seats are worn out, they usually buy imitation sheepskin, also sold by Hong.

One woman purchased four sets of seat covers for her family as Christmas presents. Hong gives a 10 to 20 percent discount for



Cozy Sheepskin Manager Dave Hong presides over a multitude of the furry covers.

those who buy more than one set at a time.

"Older people know more about sheepskins than younger people," said Hong, "because they have had it before. Young people tend to go for the look and so they buy the imitation because they think they can't afford the real thing. It is not true that sheepskin is expensive." Hong's prices are 20 percent lower than those of the retail outlets he sells to throughout Northern California.

The price for sheepskin varies from \$39 to \$79 per seat, depending on the thickness of the fur, the number of pieces sewn together, and the type of backing used. The \$79 sheepskin has a

thick pile, a wool backing and is made from a single pelt. The less costly sheepskins are made from patched pieces which have a synthetic backing and a thinner pile. Imitation sheepskin (100 percent acrylic) costs \$39 to \$59 a pair but, Hong said, the real thing will last five or six times longer, some up to 10 years, or more.

Custom-made seat covers cost \$119 each and have to be made at the factory in Los Angeles where the patterns for most car seats are available. Hand tailoring can be completed locally.

Hong also sells uncut pelts of original sheepskin on original backing (the natural skin). He points out that the reason sheepskin is cut down to make seat

covers is to keep it from getting matted, which retains looks and comfort.

Uncut pelts are most commonly used for rugs or furniture throws. Prices range from \$60 for a single piece to \$350 for six pieces, which would make up a 6 x 9 rug. Nine pieces or larger would have to be custom-made.

Single-piece sheepskins are used a lot for baby chairs or draped over the seat of a motorcycle. One couple from the West Indies ordered a queen-sized pelt for \$950 to be used on their wedding night. Another couple came in to purchase a rug for erotic purposes and proceeded to share their fantasies with the soft-spoken, Korean-born Hong.

Cozy Sheepskin makes front and rear dash covers at the factory for cars, trucks and vans. Made since 1960 for \$39, they are used to protect from sun damage. Although the sheepskin covers the speakers, Hong said that the sound will still travel through the fabric. However, he will cut holes for the speakers at a customer's request.

Additionally, there are steering-wheel covers and seat belt covers at Cozy Sheepskin and those fall prey to the one-size-fits-all syndrome. Hong said steering-wheel covers provide comfort for arthritis sufferers because it is less painful to grip the wheel. Custom-made head rest and arm rest covers can be made for vans.

During the Christmas season, Hong sells 14 inch sheepskin teddy and panda bears with 5/8 inch fleece, an unusual item in a time when synthetic bears are the rule of thumb.

EVERYBODY'S

A weekly section featuring local businesses and businesspersons

Money

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Pertinent financial information for the layperson from local accountant Jaime T. Fukumae

Playing around with 'kiddie tax'

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 has made it harder for parents to claim income-producing assets to their children in order to take advantage of the child's lower tax rate.

In its simplest form, the "kiddie tax" taxes the net unearned income (e.g. interest, dividends, rents) of children under 14 at their parents' tax rate. It reduces the child's standard deduction to either \$500 or earned income (up to \$3000), whichever is greater. The tax does not take effect until the child's unearned income exceeds \$1000.

Some suggestions to help you reduce the impact of the new tax:

- Purchase tax-free instruments like municipal bonds for children.
- Give children assets with inherent tax-deferral features such as Series EE bonds or annuities.
- Give children low-income, high growth stocks and bonds or real estate parcels with appreciation potential that can be sold after the child turns 14.
- Hire the children as employees in the firm to shift family income to the child's lower tax rate as earned income.
- Give the child money to

purchase business equipment. The child can lease the equipment to the family firm, offsetting the rental income against depreciation while the parent takes lease deductions. The equipment can be sold after the child turns 14.

Business owners need to keep in mind that these transactions must have a legitimate business purpose and be arms-length transactions in order to be audit-proof.

There are still important reasons to shift assets to children, such as estate planning and college savings. The "kiddie tax" may be of less significance in these situations.

Chamber News

Workers' comp. crisis

Bill Kerber, Freeway Motel Membership Chair, met last week with team captains Dolph Stankus of MacFarlane's Candies, architect Lyn Barbachano, and Rena Bruton, manager of Central Bank, for a membership drive kick-off.

Also meeting with the group were Susan and Mike Bernhardt, The Pay Phone Company, who will be active on Lyn's team, and the drive will last the entire month of October and the winning team member will receive a plaque. The winning team will be treated to lunch at the Chamber's annual Christmas party.

Mixed review

Small business contributes substantially to California, creating new jobs as well as new products, services and ideas. During 1987-88, the legislature considered more than 7500 measures, many of which had an impact on California business, and small

businesses in particular.

Corporate taxes reduced

Last year the major piece of legislation affecting small business involved enactment of new tax conformity legislation that reduced corporate tax rates, provided net operating loss carry forward and adopted the federal subchapter-S provisions for corporations that have 35 or fewer stockholders. All these features will ease the recordkeeping and reporting burden on small business, with the additional prospect of a lower state tax bill.

Crisis not solved

Despite extensive negotiations and good faith efforts by employers and labor, a legislative solution to the worker's compensation crisis was not forthcoming this year.

California Chamber President Kirk West said he is dismayed that the applicants' attorneys and some key legislators are blocking

progress toward some badly needed reforms in our workers' compensation system.

Workers' compensation costs have increased by at least 17 percent annually in recent years. Annual spending on workers' compensation premiums could soar to an estimated \$9 billion by next year.

Meanwhile, benefit levels have not increased and the number of industrial injuries has declined.

The California Chamber will continue to seek reform of the workers' compensation system in the following five areas: Litigation costs, stress claims, vocational rehabilitation, medical-legal costs and permanent partial disability.

Other issues

Activity on other legislation affecting small businesses included:

- AB 1354 (Wright). Allows the Public Employees Retirement System to maintain not more than 1 percent of its investment assets in small business venture capital. (Signed into law.)

- AB 3772 (Leslie). Reduces the loan guarantee requirement for regional corporation small business loans to allow greater lending capacity. (Signed into law.)

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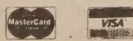
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Club Corner

By Eileen Leon

American Legion Albany Post 292

The monthly dinner meeting will be held at the Albany Vets Memorial Bldg. on Oct. 7. Lasagna, salad and other delicacies will be featured at Betty's Italian Night Dinner. Make reservations by calling Wynn at 236-0476, Betty at 232-1943 or Catherine at 525-4770. The dinner, with good food and friendship for members and auxiliary, wives husbands and guests, is \$5 and begins at 6:30 p.m.

The regular business meeting is on Oct. 21.

El Cerrito Democratic Club

The club's 36th Annual Dinner will be held on Oct. 22 at the Mira Vista Church in El Cerrito. Assemblyman Tom Bates will speak on *The Changing Family*.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door and \$4 for children. Social hour is at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7. For more information call 525-6536 or 525-5428.

Rotary Club of El Cerrito

Dr. Lou Falcon, professor of entomology at UC Berkeley, will speak on organic pesticides at the Sept. 29 meeting. Rotary meets Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at the Cerrito City Club.

League of Women Voters

The League is sponsoring a series of Neighborhood Coffeees presenting the pro's and con's on November ballot measures. League members Ethel Gok, Cleora Knapp and Louise Vogelsberg will chair the discussion groups.

Meetings to be held in El Cerrito are on Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at 7806 Potrero Ave. and on Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. at 1724 Arlington. Every voter is invited.

California Retired Teachers

The West Contra Costa Division 58 regular lunch meeting will be held on Oct. 4 at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Richmond. Intrepid traveler Lou Allie Heath will speak on *Antarctica—A Continent at the Bottom of the World*. All retired teachers are in-

vited to attend and learn more about Antarctica.

The club will sponsor a trip in October, *A Day at Apple Hill*, to the foothills of the Sierras. Phone 233-2777 for reservations.

LITA of Contra Costa

Love Is the Answer, an organization that provides visitors to convalescent homes, currently needs volunteers both as visitors and as coordinators of volunteers. Call LITA at 527-2055 for more information.

Oakland SPCA

The Oakland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which serves both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, will hold its annual *K-9 Fun Run* on Oct. 16 beginning at 9 a.m. The one-mile walk or two-mile run is for dogs and their owners. Owners will receive a free T-shirt and dogs a free bandana. Entertainment will include a *Stupid Pet Tricks* event and refreshments. Registration fee is \$12 before Oct. 14 and \$15 thereafter. Call 569-0702 for registration forms. The Run benefits the SPCA.

East Bay Skeptics Society

A panel discussion of models was featured at the Sept. 25 meeting at LeConte Hall on the UC Berkeley campus. Daniel Sab-say was moderator. Panelists were Gilbert Shapiro, Michael Heiberger and Bruce Berkoff.

Michael Chriss, Professor of Astronomy and Humanities at the College of San Mateo, will be speaker at the Oct. 21 meeting. His topic will be *Science and Nonsense, a Topic for Our Time* covering cultural, intellectual and scientific milestones of western civilization. The public is invited.

For information about the Society call 420-0202 or write 70 Yosemite Ave., No. 309, Oakland 94611.

Berkeley Camera Club

Members' slideshow travellettes will be at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 at the Live Oak Community Center in Berkeley. Visitors are welcome. For information call 524-5696.

Speak out on child care

ALBANY -- The Albany Child Care Committee, a group appointed by the City Council to study child care needs in the city, will distribute a survey to all Albany households next month. Residents are urged by committee members to fill out the

survey, which will be hand-delivered to each household, and return it to pick-up points to be designated.

For further information, call Bart Grossman at 528-3008, Diane Gross at 527-2148 or Sally Davis at 525-2800.

Heal It Through The...

Grapevine

By Lynda Efos

Journey through the mind

Heal It Through the Grapevine is a regular column in The Journal featuring common health questions answered by Lynda Efos, health educator, stress and weight management consultant, and proprietor of HealthBreak, a local health counseling service.

Dear Lynda:

I really enjoyed your column on relaxation (Sept. 15). I've done both of the exercises and will continue to. But I was wondering if you could give us another, perhaps longer, guided imagery, maybe one that deals with concentrating on letting go and getting rid of obstacles in our lives. Also, sometime could you give us examples of other forms of relaxation exercises as well? I'm kind of in a stage of exploring various techniques. Thanks again for the summer exercises and thanks in advance for sharing some more exercises with your readers.

Gene in Albany

Dear Gene:

Of course I'm pleased that you enjoyed the exercises but to ask for more, well, that's really great! Here's a guided imagery that just might fit your request. It deals with letting go and with realization and removal of obstacles to happiness. I designed it to be used at bedtime, as a suggestion for meditation in the waking state that can be carried into sleep. I hope you enjoy it.

And, yes, I would be happy to discuss and give examples of other relaxation techniques in the near future. On to the relaxation! It is important that you feel safe and comfortable before you begin! If you do not wish to fall asleep at the close of the exercise, try practicing it seated. Remember, the most important

condition of the exercise is that you maintain an attitude of passive attention, one in which you ask yourself only to bring your thoughts back to the exercise (if your mind wanders) with no reprimand involved. Have fun!

On a mild spring day, you find yourself in your favorite woods. You sit in the green meadow and lean against one of two large oak shade trees. You place a small red silk pillow between your back and the tree for comfort.

Continue to breathe in a relaxed manner and feel your mind become quieter. The last thought you have before your drift off into a very relaxed sleep is to imagine that very small obstacle, though you may rarely be aware of it, that might be stopping you from achieving your dreams. When you realize what it is (take your time) and you are ready to let go, let the tiny pebble fall from your hands into the water. Watch it sink to the bottom of the stream.

As you take in the lovely environment around you, the blue sky, the lush green growth, the singing birds and hooting owls, the scrambling squirrels, the flowers of every imaginable color, let the scene become a luscious blur of color and comfort and let it rock you gently into a sweet, peaceful sleep. (If you do not wish to go to sleep, change the last suggestion to "let it relax and invigorate you and when you are ready, open your eyes and continue your day in a relaxed, calm and alert manner.")

Send questions and comments to The Grapevine, P.O. 1624, El Cerrito 94530 or call Lynda at HealthBreak, 548-9312.

On The Calendar

Mozelle Rogers will show slides on Australia, featuring Alice Springs, Ayers Rock and the Great Barrier Reef, at the Kensington Senior Center on Oct. 6 at 11 a.m. A potluck lunch will be served at noon. The center is at 52 Arlington, Kensington. For more information call Director Angela Lalime at 526-9146.

Bunraku (The National Puppet Theater of Japan) will appear at Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus on Oct. 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. The ornate, three-foot puppets will be accompanied by shamisen musicians.

The program is presented by CalPerformances in cooperation with the Consul General of Japan. For more information call 642-9988.

Be Prepared in a Healthcare Emergency will be the topic of a free community health lecture on Oct. 5 at 12:15 in the Brookside Hospital auditorium in San Pablo. Tom Padgett, MD, Medical Director of the Emergency Department, will present the program.

The Richmond Art Center will hold a *Jog and Walk-a-Thon* on Oct. 8 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the El Cerrito High Track. Pieces of sculptural artwork will be presented as trophies to the man, woman and child completing the most laps, the person with the most sponsors and the most spirited participant.

The Jog will begin with a parade by the Stewart Tartan Scottish Bagpipers. Funds raised will benefit Center programs. For more information call 620-6772.

A workshop for widowed men and women will be held Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the Widows' Network in Walnut Creek. There will be a program, *The Grief Process*. For more information call 256-7952 weekdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Owner Builder Center will hold a course, *How to Sell Your Own Home* on Oct. 1 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. presented by appraiser Toby O'Brien.

The OBC is a non-profit educational organization. For more information call Sydney at 848-6860.

The Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley, as part of its REAP program for older adults presents cultural/hot kosher lunch programs Mondays

and Thursdays through Programs begin at 11:15 a.m. lunch at 12:15 p.m.

On Oct. 3 Rella playwright, will present *taining 17th Century Stories*. For information this and other programs call 848-0237.

On Oct. 2 the UC Garden will offer two classes, *Exploring Through Art*. Instructor Cuoma will help children grass weaving and leaf-print shirts. The class for ages meets from 1-2:30 p.m. and from 3 to 4:45 p.m. For information call 642-9988.

Kensington Library's *Picture Book Time* preschoolers will begin on at 1 p.m. and continue Tuesday afternoon through 6. The library is at 61 Ave. Hours are Mon., Tue. 9 p.m.; Wed., Thurs., 10 p.m.; Fri., Sat., 1 to 5 p.m.

Gustavo Rojas and Baraz, two local artists, will exhibit their work at the Art Gallery on Solano Ave. from Sept. 30 through Nov. 1. Reception for the artists will be held on Oct. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the gallery.

Free lessons in Japanese will be offered in October at the Richmond Public Library. The class will be taught by Emiko Kawamoto, who is visiting as an ambassador Simada, Japan, Richmond sister city.

Community Hospice East Bay, serving people in Cerrito regardless of their ability to pay, will hold their *Benefit Auction* on Oct. 12 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Women's Club in Oakland featuring weekend vacation Lake Tahoe, jewelry, wine and spirits and many prizes. Call 540-0830 for information.

Chamber...

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law.)

• SB 1255 (Roberti). Establishes an independent Small Business Development Center program under the authority of the Department of Commerce. (Signed into law.)

• AB 1453 (Tanner). Establishes an \$11 million loan program to assist small businesses with hazardous waste problems. (To governor.)

• AB 1913 (Harris). Increases the small claims court jurisdiction from \$1500 to \$2500 by 1990. (Signed into law.)

• AB 2738 (Moore). Makes it unlawful for any employers of 25 or more to refuse to grant an unpaid leave of absence to either parent for four months, for child-rearing purposes. (Died on Assembly floor.)

• SB 2260 (Keene). Authorizes a five-year tax credit under the personal income tax and bank and corporation tax law for a small business employer for costs incurred to provide employee health coverage. (To governor.)

• SB 1771 (L. Greene). Changes existing law by disallowing certain small business owners from filing a disclaimer of unemployment benefits in exchange for exemption from paying state unemployment insurance premiums. (Held in Assembly Finance and In-

urance Committee.)
AB 4088 (Johnston). Raises the ceiling on weekly unemployment benefits by \$20. (To governor.)

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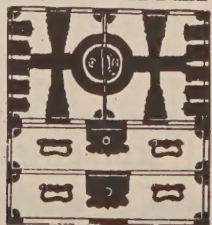
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A new dining experience awaits us at the **GRAND AVENUE BAR AND GRILL** on Grand Avenue in Oakland. The long canopied walkway leading up to the entrance is only the beginning of this fine neighborhood bar and grill.

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The interiors of the Grand Avenue, which opened last July, are highlighted with old black-and-white photos of Oakland in various stages of development. The early heritage photos are always interesting for comparing the city of old to modern Oakland.

But enough of interiors and on to the main courses, which are prepared with the freshest ingredients available in the Bay Area at an impressive open kitchen where you can see your meal being cooked.

The dinner entrees prepared by Rick Golding and his staff of eight include Veal Leta Belle, escallops of veal sauteed with fungi, tomato and Soave white wine; an Angus Beef New York Steak Senape, grilled with mustard and aromatics; and one of my favorites — sauteed Prawns A La Grecque with tomato, garlic, Feta cheese and

ouzo.

Also on the dinner menu are Lamb Chops Margrit, with a shallot rose glaze, and of course, fresh fish of the day, served with your choice of sauces.

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And for the golf set, there's a family-style restaurant that many of us are familiar with: **THE MONTCLAIR RESTAURANT** at the Montclair Golf Course, also run by Ron Childers.

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The restaurant is open days a week and even has early bird dinner nightly from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Montclair Restaurant reminds me of my growing and looking forward to going to Saturday dinner with my dad and sometimes my behaved brother. There is see and do, the food wholesome and the generous. This is what mean by family style.

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Soviet Perspective: Revolution no. 2

Gorbachev's plan sincere but unwanted

By Will Tizard

EL CERRITO -- The Soviet Union's sweeping reforms under Mikhail Gorbachev are sincere, but face overwhelming skepticism from Russian leaders and workers.

That was the message El Cerrito Rotarians heard earlier this month from Jane Dawson, a doctoral candidate at UC Berkeley and an international relations specialist. Dawson, who visited Moscow five years ago and again last summer, described Gorbachev's perestroika plan as an "amazing" first step towards realizing the Soviet economy.

The term has been used by Gorbachev to tout a drastic change in the way the Soviet Union goes about solving its

hardships. "It is very real and very substantial," said Dawson. However, the leader has a long way to go, she said, describing the staple foods available during both her visits as bread, ice cream and chocolate. Many other things were also left unchanged from five years ago, she said.

One example is room searches by secret police. The KGB is the slowest part of the Soviet system to reform, said Dawson, explaining that her room was searched and exposed camera film was taken during her latest visit. Nevertheless, debates about the KGB are beginning to surface in the Soviet press for the first time, she said.

Another constant from five years ago are shortages and lines. The situation is so bad that the Russians have a saying, "If you

see a line, get in it first and ask what it's for afterwards."

There are stores, some as large as an American Safeway, but all contain row after row of empty shelves, said Dawson. The one exception, chocolate sandwiches aside, is margarine, eggs and dairy products, which always seem available.

In fact, "abysmal" is the best way to characterize living conditions, said Dawson. What's more, she said, even though experiments in individual enterprise are going on all over the country, the common people are still deeply skeptical of capitalism.

Neither the Baskin Robbins already operating in Moscow nor the McDonalds planned for later this month have been enough to convince Soviet workers that capitalism could help in their own workplaces.

The chief suspicions about free enterprise held by Soviets are the loss of job security and the loss of equal pay for hard workers and goof-offs alike, according to Dawson. Besides, the generation of Soviets now forming the largest part of society were raised to believe that capitalism is an evil and callous system, while Mother Russia always cares for its own, according to need.

But despite all this, real change is in the Arctic Soviet wind, according to Dawson. Real political dialogue is sweeping the airwaves and the press. People now gather around their televisions, as social events, for broadcast debates that are lively, spontaneous, sometimes heated, but most importantly, "fun to watch," said

Dawson.

At a summer party conference, for example, top Soviet leaders argued and yelled at each other throughout the six-day meeting, and all of it was televised.

Moscow's Pushkin Square is now the scene of open-air ideological discussion, where five years ago the tone was careful or muted, she said. "Everybody wants to buttonhole you," said Dawson, who speaks Russian almost fluently and spent her time staying with working-class Soviets.

Guards still overlook the strollers and debaters, but they remain on the steps of the square and do not impede conversation, said Dawson.

New books and art also delve into previously taboo areas. Paintings of the exiled and historically erased Leon Trotsky now spur curious reactions from Muscovites, while classics in literature still occupy train riders. "In the cultural sphere, we're seeing tremendous opening up," said Dawson.

Therein may lie the key to what Gorbachev is really after, Dawson argued. If *glasnost*, or openness to the West, can be combined with limited political freedoms at home, Gorbachev believes the Soviet Union may again be able to involve its people deeply in thinking about their own future.

With that as a catalyst, the overwhelming economic odds facing the Soviet Union may begin to diminish. At the very least, Dawson said, Gorbachev will be armed with the hearts and minds of his people to build a strong economy, instead of just their ice-cream lined bellies.



Power Vacuum

Former City Manager Ron Creagh jests with Council member Jean Siri at his farewell dinner Sept. 21.

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

Julia Morgan jaunt

Visiting Hearst Castle with a new perspective was very exciting for the 44 people who took part in the latest trip of the Oakland Museum's History Guild. We could all remember earlier visits when we gaped at the size, splendor and opulence of William Randolph's "little summer home."

This time, however, we were going to see Julia Morgan's greatest achievement.

Most of us spent an exciting hour earlier in the month listening to Sarah Holmes Boutelle speak

of her 14 years of research into the life and work of the little-known architect Julia Morgan. Boutelle's book is of tremendous interest to many groups: Those in love with architectural beauty; those fascinated by this tiny dynamo who invaded the male world of architecture at the turn of the century; and many, many people who have known and admired her work for many years. It is a beautiful and very rewarding book.

Our three day trip, put together by El Cerrito's Helen Tryon (with the aid and cooperation of her husband, Warren), used this great interest in Julia Morgan as its focus. As usual, many of the trippers were from our own special area.

A just-long-enough ride on Amtrak took us to San Luis Obispo and the college there, California Polytechnic. Here, in a handsome new building holding the library and other offices, there was an exhibit of Julia Morgan memorabilia. The curator of the exhibit, who, herself an avid Morgan fan, was interesting and enthusiastic. How fascinating it was to see Morgan's own designs for the dishes to be used by the Berkeley Women's Club. (She did the building, the interiors and the dishes — all used and loved today.)

There are letters from Hearst to Morgan telling her of a new tapestry he had just purchased and that the wall planned for the tapestry would have to be larger than planned because of the tapestry's size. That meant the room would have to be larger, which meant that the windows would have to be relocated, which meant...

The next day it was off to Hearst Castle and the various tours in which the group was enrolled.

Underground, under the huge concrete stairway complex meant to become the grand entrance, was the original entrance to this part of the building, gracefully built with tile and semi-circular walks, now completely hidden and unused. How had Julia Morgan felt when her already completed entranceway was buried? The grand entrance was never completed because about that time the funds ran out.

In the corridors near the gorgeous outdoor pool were the dressing rooms. Twelve for the men and 7 for the women. Why? Did fewer women in WRH's set swim? Did he invite more men? Questions, but no answers.

The swimming pools, both indoor and outdoor, are so breathtakingly lovely that all thought of who and why pales a bit and one just stares. But it is exciting to learn that those statues across the pool are on pedestals just the right height so that looking across the pool one can see the entire statue mirrored in the water. Such attention to detail.

The guest cottages were part of my tour as was the cottage where William Randolph Hearst and Marian Davies lived for the last few years of their stay in this home. Again, the touches, such as the shower for Hearst (who really questioned whether one could really get clean in this new-fangled European idea of a shower), were amazing. His shower, we noted, had seven heads focusing on the showerer.

Julia Morgan was once asked, with all the art Hearst was finding and bringing in, and all the European artifacts, what period she was using. Morgan said it was called "Pleasing the client."

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But Are We Covered Against Insurance Initiatives?

By David Thom

Californians' anger and frustration over auto insurance rates has resulted in a flurry of insurance reform initiatives that await voters at the voting booth this November fourth.

Insurance companies, lawyers, and consumer groups were busy gathering over two million signatures this spring and summer for eight different insurance reform initiatives. Only five survived to make it on the ballot, and each claims it is best for consumers.

One thing is certain: Most

Californians think insurance costs are out of hand. Seventy-seven percent of California voters think auto insurance rates are "much too high," according to a California Poll taken this summer. Only four percent thought insurance rates were "about right."

The poll indicates Californians are as angry about insurance rates in 1988 as they were about property taxes in 1978, when tax-slashing Proposition 13 was approved.

But cutting insurance rates will not be as easy as cutting property taxes was a decade ago. Voters

will hear conflicting reasons and arguments explaining why auto insurance rates have soared and what it will take to bring them down.

Insurance companies say litigation costs—inflated by "greedy" attorneys who pursue fraudulent or minor cases, are largely responsible for rising premiums. Insurers also cite 100 percent plus increases in costs for hospital stays, auto repair, and new car prices.

In short, insurers say they are just passing their costs on to the consumer.

It's an argument their opponents in the insurance reform battle—and many of their policy holders—do not buy.

Attorneys argue that insurance companies are taking excessive profits and using exemptions from some anti-trust laws to keep insurance prices artificially high.

"Insurance companies' argument that legal fees are responsible for high auto insurance rates is a bunch of hogwash," Attorney John Dunn said. "They make phenomenal profits—mostly by

"insurance companies are losing money on their auto policies," said Kate Breen of the Insurance Information Institute.

"California insurance companies lost \$77 million on their auto policies in 1986," she added.

An injured motorist could not sue the other party unless: His injuries were "serious and permanent"; the offending driver was drunk; or if a driver's insurance was not adequate to pay his or his passengers' medical bills.

Only Florida and New York have no-fault systems similar to the one California is considering. Many officials in these states, including attorneys, have expressed satisfaction with no-fault.

However, Pennsylvania and Nevada both repealed their no-fault laws after they experienced consistent hikes in auto insurance premiums even when no-fault was implemented.

Twenty other states have much more flexible no-fault laws than the one on California's ballot.

These states allow a victim to sue if his medical bills exceed a certain threshold—in Massachusetts the threshold is \$500, while in New Jersey, where motorists pay the highest auto insurance rates in the country, the threshold is \$200.

Critics claim that insurance companies will force victims to

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November Insurance Initiatives

Prop. 100—20 percent ongoing reduction in auto rates for good drivers. Requires Department of Insurance review of some rate increases. Protects lawyer contingency fees, restricts use of home address in determining rates. Financed by the California Trial Lawyers Association.

Prop. 101—50 percent reduction for bodily injury and uninsured motorist coverage. Overall rate reduction of 35 percent. Limits lawyer contingency fees to 25 percent of economic losses recovered. Limits non-economic losses to 25 percent. Financed by Coastal Insurance Company.

Prop. 103—Flat 20 percent reduction for auto, fire, and liability insurance rates for one year. Makes Insurance Commissioner an elected post. Requires commissioner approval for all rate changes. Establishes non-profit corporation to represent insurance consumers.

Ends insurance industry anti-trust exemption. Allows banks to sell insurance, restricts use of home address. Financed by individual contributions.

Prop. 104—Enacts no-fault insurance with basic package of benefits covering medical expenses, lost wages, and funeral costs. 20 percent reduction in average statewide premiums. Average reduction for individuals around 7-17 percent for two years. Insurance Commissioner gets right to enforce rate reductions. Basic benefits paid within 30 days. Limits lawyer contingency fees. Restricts non-economic losses, except for serious and permanent injuries. Financed by insurance companies.

Prop. 106—Limits lawyer contingency fees to 25 percent of first \$50,000 recovered, 15 percent of the next \$50,000, and 10 percent of amount recovered above \$100,000.

Manager...

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Applications for the councilmember opening are due Monday, Oct. 3, at noon. The position comes with a small salary and medical benefits.

Applications formerly on file will not be considered, the Council agreed. They stressed that

anyone wishing to serve in the council position, which will expire next November, must resubmit their applications.

Candidates will have to answer interview questions on their feelings about the Street Light and Landscaping Assessment, what they would do differently.

San Pablo...

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Cutting Boulevard, which now has only three street lights, will have six when the work is finished, said Dunn. The 242 lights on San Pablo Avenue will not increase.

Throughout the construction period, two southbound lanes must be open during morning rush hour and two northbound

lanes must be open after work from Monday through Thursday, said Dunn. Two lanes must be open in both directions all day on Fridays, weekends and the day before holidays.

"If we have any land closures during the Christmas Season, I'm dead meat," said Dunn, referring to complaints from merchants when access to their stores is cut.



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Safety...

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"Our end is geared to getting young kids interested—that's proven to be the best way to get parents to pay attention to fire safety," said Jay Murphy, of the El Cerrito Fire Department.

The demonstration of the canine units of the Danville Police and El Cerrito Sheriff's Department drew the biggest crowd. Two German Shepherds and a Rotweiler were put through their paces, which included attacking the special padded sleeve of a "thief" attempting to resist arrest.

The dogs are purchased by and belong to the officer who volunteers to be a canine handler, one officer explained. The dogs require an average of six months of intensive training before joining the force.

They continue to receive 10 hours of training per week in responding to spoken commands and hand signals, climbing ladders, scaling six-foot walls, and tracking throughout the time they are used by the department.

In spite of their demonstrated ferocity, the dogs are trained to be good with children and remained relaxed when children

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Community Arts

Berkeley Rep's psychodrama treads the boards but never gets a-Hedda

By Barbara Hulley

Berkeley Repertory Theatre's season opener, *Hedda Gabler*, is a well-crafted presentation of the intense exploration of the mind of an aristocratic woman's life. With a woman as his hero, the play combines social and psychological themes in the play that shocked the polite society of the late 19th century.

Hedda is grotesquely trapped; so strong for her position as a woman, she is also too proud to let down her guard and admit how miserable she is. The play follows Hedda after her marriage to a man she doesn't love, and chronicles her dream-like existence of boredom and uselessness in the lavish house he has bought for her.

Beneath her protective, superior facade, Hedda is a miserable victim of social tyranny and her own lack of will. Because she is the axis on which the entire play turns, she must expose this vulnerability to arrest the audience's emotions.

Ellen McLaughlin, a playwright and actress whose *The Narrow Bed* was performed at the Berkeley Theatre, makes powerful, but often unappealingly unusual choices in the lead role. Her portrayal of Hedda's strength doesn't reveal enough of the inner confusion.

From the moment she walks onstage, she projects a sarcastic, biting cruelty that rarely lets up throughout the play.

Hedda's early moments with

her husband Jorgen (Jeffery Bihl), and his aunt "Luli" (the ever-lovable Barbara Oliver), show that she makes no attempt to hide her scorn of her new husband and his family. Openly rude and sneering, her mouth twists in disgust as she insults Luli's new hat.

Much of the difficulty with McLaughlin's Hedda stems from an admirable attempt to create a unique, vibrant woman out of the ambiguously written role. McLaughlin achieves a brazen originality, but strikes a menacing and often overwhelming note which often overwhelms the delicate balance of the play.

All too often, her gestures are distractingly odd, and at times, incongruous with her rank and station. She contorts and twists her face, switching from a drooping frown to a narrow-eyed stare of hatred. She leans toward the other characters, staring them down in a defiant show of strength. Slapping her arms harshly at her sides and throwing down objects around her, she makes shows of physical force out of place for a woman of the late 19th century.

And while McLaughlin creates a believable character, and is a dedicated, charismatic actor, her Hedda is so disgusted with life that she doesn't present the hope needed to carry the play.

Although described by Amlin Gray in the show's program as "the idealist in her play," she comes across in this production as so vicious that the audience isn't allowed to experience her idealism.

Two of the male characters present more simple forms of idealism, yet Hedda's mocking of them too often seems simply cruel.



Ellen McLaughlin as Hedda and Charles Dean as her ex-lover Eilert Lovborg argue in this explosive version of *Hedda Gabler*.

stage, and later dims them, suggesting a flux of light and darkness within Hedda's mind. The window on the side of the stage is used well; it ranges from bright sunlight to dim shade, creating an able setting for the introspective, moody script.

This production is the beginning of "an ongoing exploration...of the dramatic literature of the late 19th century when the seeds of the feminist movement in our century were planted," according to Artistic Director Sharon Ott. That crucial, difficult goal is treated only adequately here.

Theater

While McLaughlin attempts to show a woman tortured by enforced inertia, she is too difficult to identify with. Resultingly, as with many early women heroes, her story is not emotionally conveyed to the audience.

Gray writes in the program that "Ibsen's mature plays have contradictions within them. Each is its own counter-play. Contradiction was Ibsen's guiding passion. His dying words were 'On the contrary...'"

Each Ibsen play will be annoying and frustrating to the audience. Although this production is often overshadowed by McLaughlin's brutality, it must certainly be within the realm of how Ibsen imagined his tortured heroine. And ultimately, the brave production seems to be in the spirit of the contrary Ibsen.

Jorgen is presented by Bihl as a naive academic who tries to make things work out, but who doesn't understand the complex nature of his new wife. Despite Bihl's light comic touch, their relationship is slightly skewed. His neglect of her could appear a tragedy, but in this production, Hedda is a lion attacking her husband as if he's a helpless mouse.

The misbalance between Hedda and her former love Eilert Lovborg (Charles Dean), is more serious. Dean is a fine, capable actor, but lacks the necessary fire to be an adequate sparring partner for Hedda.

While Hedda talks of his having "vineleaves in his hair," because he is an idealistic author, he can't break through her impenetrable wall either. She goads and sneers at him, too. He fares no better than her husband or his simpleton aunt. This reduces the resonance of the play's haunting conclusion.

The balance of the show is off, yet the experience is a typical, high-quality Berkeley Rep production.

Acting is of a uniformly high quality, with a wonderful jittery fear from Nancy Carlin as the mousy Mrs. Elvsted, and cool

confidence radiating brightly from Charles Lanyer as the sinister Judge Brack. The timing between characters is well worked through, due to the skills of visiting director M. Burke Walker, who keeps the show rolling at an explosive pace.

John Bonard Wilson's large period set is a masterpiece of dark, somber browns and grays. It ably creates the dull opulence which strangles Hedda. As in other shows, the entrance to the lobby is creatively used to enlarge and enhance the stage space.

Skillful lighting by Peter Maradudin highlights areas of the

Behind the velvet curtain: New comedy unveiled at CCCT

By Barbara Hulley

EL CERRITO — To a casual observer, all is chaos. At the evening rehearsal for Contra Costa Civic Theatre's season opener, *Social Security*, the actors are in jeans and sneakers. The stage

they move on is barren wood, save the few chairs strategically placed to simulate a living room. Masking tape indicates where future doors and walls will be. Planks spilled on the lobby floor are the only visible evidence of the

set. In theater, appearance is always deceptive. Behind the disorganized surface, director Louis Flynn, 30-year veteran of the community theater, has the able cast well in hand.

When the show opens Oct. 7, he knows the set will be elaborate,

the actors costumed, and the lines and movements exactly memorized. The world of illusion will be set, so the audience can be drawn in. But for now, actors and director must pass the evening as Flynn hones each humorous moment to perfection.

The work appears worth it. The comedy, one of the few plays by screenwriter Andrew Bergman, known for such hits as *Blazing Saddles* and *Oh, God*, ran on Broadway with Marlo Thomas and Olympia Dukakis. Dubbed by the company as "the ultimate mother-in-law story," the play features an elderly mother, shuffled between her married

daughters, who finally finds a love of her own, a 98-year-old artist. It has what Flynn calls "Neil Simon-esque humor": Witty dialogue and fast-paced, funny characters.

It seems perfect for the energetic Flynn, who says he "can tell a Neil Simon play in the dark without knowing who wrote it," having been involved in all past CCCT Simon productions.

Watching him work is an education in creating humor. He can make any comic moment funnier; throughout the rehearsal, an already entertaining scene is fur-

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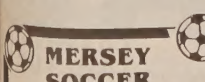


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A walk through time highlights Albany's 80 years

By Catherine J. Webb
ALBANY -- Efforts to record Albany's history have proceeded in several stages. First, there was the 1947 *Story of Albany*, then 1983's *Stories of Albany*. Now a new version is underway called *Happily May I Walk*.

The first history of Albany was compiled by the Albany Police and Fire Employees Civil Service Club under the guidance of Fire Chief Gerald Brown. This history included tales of Indians, the coming of the Spaniards, American adventurers, powder plants in Albany, early landmarks, Albany pioneers, and the school district.

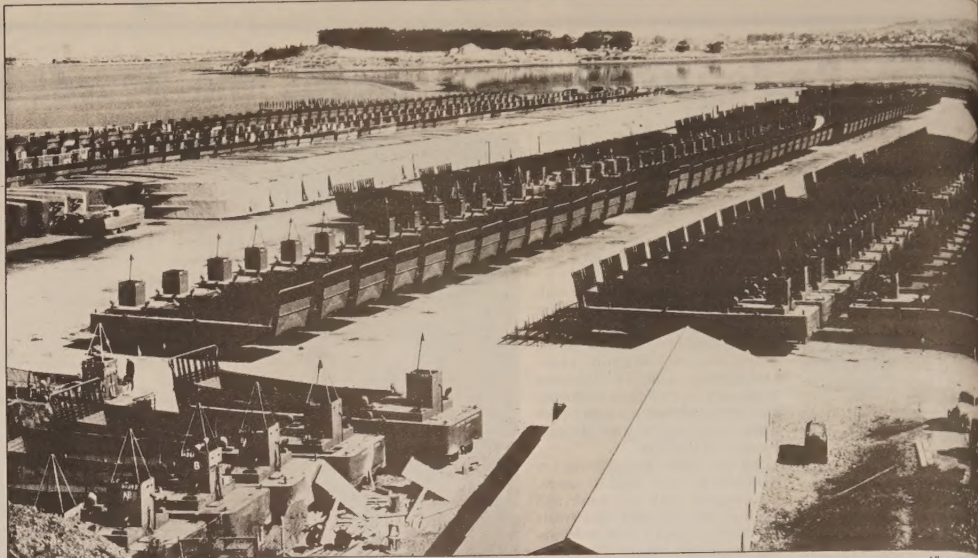
An interesting chapter entitled *Aromatic Question* delves into a smelly business which was a custom of Berkeley. People loaded their wagons with garbage and dumped it in the open lots near Buchanan Street. The incorporation of Ocean View (as Albany was first named) in 1908 was designed to give the pioneer set-

tlers some of the authority needed to control the garbage dumping. Albany held to its sense of independence even as it was influenced by the industrialization of the Bay Area and the advent of the motor car. An article in the Oakland Tribune of January, 1920, spelled out the attraction industrialization had for some Albany residents:

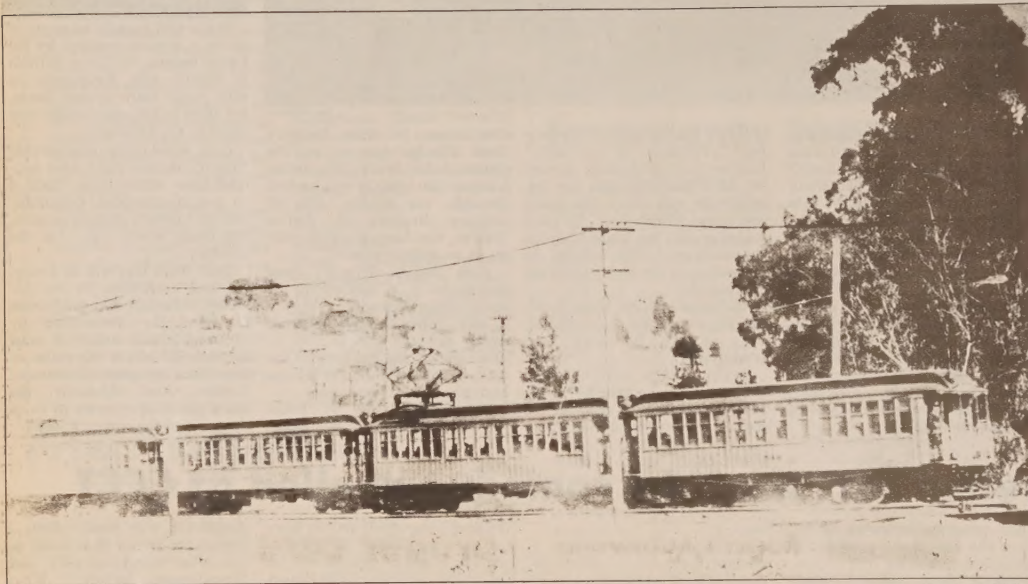
"Albany can honestly say that it has had the largest growth of any city in the County of Alameda. The Lofler Industrial Survey makes that statement and those who know the conditions of Albany believe that the growth in the next decade will be greater than that in the last."

"Despairing of securing proper recognition from any of the larger cities of the East Bay district the people of Albany determined to incorporate and manage their own municipal affairs which they have done with great success."

The industrial project which Albany sought was the location of the naval base on Albany's mud



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Above, a 1943 photo shows Sea Bees equipment stored at Golden Gate Fields. Middle, an electric train barrels toward the Richmond shipyards in this 1943 shot. Left, a 1928 photo shows swamps where Golden Gate Fields now stands.



Albany Historical Society

flats. In 1913 the city fathers erected a 100 foot sign on Pierce Street where it could be seen from the Southern Pacific mainland. The sign read, "Albany, Proposed Site of the Naval Base." Albany accepted its loss of the naval base and only a few industries found a home in Albany.

Albany continued to grow and maintained its independence, but settled for homes and a few income-producing activities such as the Golden Gate Fields race track and a two street commercial district.

This 1920 description of Albany holds true on its 80th birthday: "Albany has been blessed with a population that took an interest in their home affairs and which was quick to grasp the many opportunities that have come to them. With wide awake citizenry it was natural that wide awake officials should result (not without many controversies) and that a town spirit should be

developed. The open fields, a few years ago have transformed into a city of Alameda County is proud."

Happily May I Walk, the newest history of Albany, expands on the relation of the town to the land. Permission has been obtained from Malcolm Macdonald to reproduce his descriptions of the wild life which prevailed in Albany during the time of the Native Americans. Extra research is being conducted by the Albany Historical Society to fill in the gaps that were missed in *Stories of Albany*. Particularly needed are first-hand accounts of the years from 1915 to 1936. Anyone has stories to tell may contact Catherine Webb at 947-0600 in Washington, Albany 94706 or 525-2115.

Incidentally, a note to Berkeley readers: No two cities side could possibly have as diverse histories as Albany and Cerrito. We should compare notes sometime.

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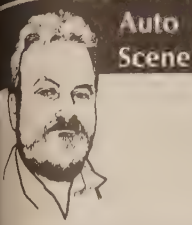
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Auto Scene

By David Fetherston
Auto Editor

Ford and Chevrolet introduced new super cars for '89 — the Thunderbird Super Coupe and the king-of-the-hill Corvette.

Ford is still on a roll. Every new model in the last year seems to have been a runaway hit with both the public and the press. Their latest hot offering is the all-new '89 Thunderbird, and it's certainly no chicken with its wings clipped, either.

The aero treatment flows from the nose to the tail with graceful lines. The vehicle is longer and wider than the '88 models, and the rear has full three-passenger seating, which has improved the ride. The car also now features four-wheel independent suspension — a first for a rear-wheel-drive American Ford sports coupe.

Three models are available —

standard, LX and Super Coupe. Gone is the 5-liter FI V8 and turbo four; they've been replaced with a pair of variations on Ford's new 3.8-liter generic V6. The standard engine uses sequential fuel injection and comes with a standard four-speed automatic transmission.

The optional engine, available only on the Super Coupe, is the same 3.8-liter V6 but it's equipped with a supercharger and intercooler. The combo pumps out a good 210 horsepower and a massive 315-foot pounds of torque.

No turbo troubles

The supercharged engine uses a belt-driven blower which gives excellent "power on demand" without the lag problem of a turbo charger.

The move to supercharging changes both the driving and the mechanical method of forced induction Ford has been using over the past few years. Where the turbo is driven by the force of exhaust gas being pumped through a turbine housing, the supercharger is driven directly off the crankshaft with a belt, eliminating "turbo lag."

The Super Coupe also comes equipped with uprated suspen-

sion, four-wheel disc brakes, anti-lock brake system, computerized ride and 16-by-7-inch alloy wheels.

The Super Coupe also has an external package and special interior treatment to provide a performance-plus-comfort-and-looks package.

Royalty arrives

Chevrolet's long-awaited Corvette has finally arrived. As per pre-release predictions, it's a powerful beast built with the help of several outside companies in two different countries.

Officially called the ZR1, the

new dual overhead cam 5.7-liter all-alloy V8 comes with 32 valves and over 380 horsepower. It's a return to the glory days when the Corvette could be ordered with a 12.5-to-1 compression, 427L-88 engine option that happily cranked 430 horsepower.

That was before the days of the great oil wars when the performance really meant horsepower.

Chevy, with their fifth-generation Corvette, set the sports car world on fire when they introduced the current design in 1984. Since that time, it has been substantially refined but is still, bodily, very much as it was when introduced.

Now the Corvette has the new ZR1 model with the LT5 super hi-po performance package. The LT5 powertrain required a hefty amount of re-engineering to mate the new engine and Corvette platform.

The engine was developed as a joint venture between GM's Group Lotus Division and Hethel England, CPC Engineering in the U.S., and Mercury Marine (the outboard builders) who manufactured the engine for Chevy in Stillwater, Ok.

Extensive testing of a large number of super-duty V8 and V6 configurations resulted in the cur-

rent engine. The turbo V6 didn't make the grade because its NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) profile was way over acceptable limits.

The numbers that finally hit the production line reflect the clean-sheet-of-paper approach that Lotus proposed as an alternative to re-engineering the existing 350 Chevrolet small block.

The new engine is unique among American production V8s. The 5.7-liter V8 (350 cubic inch) is all-aluminum, runs 11.25 to 1 compression, has a full engine management computer system and alloy heads with dual overhead cams running direct lobe to lifter contact.

Dave McLellan aimed at building the new ZR1 Corvette as a bi-model vehicle-a car; that is, two cars in one. First he wanted a powertrain that could accommodate the driver with quiet, docile street performance but that on command would offer the speed, precision and responsive handling close to a pure race car.

Power means speed

To make full use of the enormous power of the new engine, Chevy has replaced the Doug Nash 4/3 speed overdrive transmission with a new ZF-designed six-speed gearbox, which gives a more even use of power and torque curves.

It also gives a significantly higher potential top speed, according to McLellan.

The rear suspension was redesigned to carry the extra horsepower and so were the wheel wells which now carry standard 17-inch rims with super low profile tires. Other suspension tricks include standard Selective Ride suspension similar to the Mazda/Ford sports suspensions for better around town ride and low tire pressure warning system.

McLellan has aimed high with the ZR1 package. The combined engineering of three major companies built the new ZR1, and from all reports so far it seems they've come very close to achieving McLellan's goal.

The ZR1 is expected to sell for over \$50,000 and will be produced in only very limited numbers.

General Motors announced through their Chevrolet division a new nameplate called GEO along with a new line of automobiles.

Four GEO vehicles will be introduced as the 1989 line. These include the tiny Metro, Spectrum, the Prism and the new Suzuki-based off-road Tracker.

The Metro is aimed at the economy-minded buyer and it, too, is a Suzuki based product based on a 92-inch wheelbase. Its integrated body design gives it a show-car look with flush glass and aero-grille and head lights. Chevy expects to introduce a convertible version in 1990.

The Spectrum is an Isuzu based product for the compact market that's also aimed at economy buyers.

The Geo Prism is a joint venture product with Toyota in Fremont, and is aimed at the upscale market. It replaces the Nova, which was a simple re-badged of the Toyota Corolla.

The Prism will use the 1.6-liter 16-valve Toyota engine and come with a full host of options and equipment now found in similar Japanese-built vehicles.

The GEO Tracker is a joint effort between GM and Suzuki to be built in Canada. It comes in two models, soft and hard top, equipped with a good base selection of options. Its four-wheel-drive capabilities are similar to the current Suzuki Samurai, but its lower center of gravity and flashier body style puts it a mile ahead of the older Samurai.



Chevrolet's Corvette ZR1 was built with the help of several different companies

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TELLER. Typing skills required. Ability to work with others. Good communication skills. Teller experience helpful. Contact Helen Eike, (415)982-4560, Extension 556. EOE.

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401 Help Wanted

HAIR salon receptionist and other duties. Part-time, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4 hour. Call 547-9222, ask for Lisa.

REAL ESTATE executive, legal real estate management corporation, downtown San Leandro. Excellent typing, shorthand, word processing and administrative assistance and management skills. Resume to: P.O. Box 877, San Leandro 94577.

SECRETARY Seeking organized and detail oriented person for construction company. Duties include phone work, word processing (WS2000, Lotus). Typing 65 words per minute. Prefer construction office experience. 40 hours per week, salary negotiable. Call Lisa 530-9373

CARPENTER, highly skilled in finish work, full or part-time, long term possibilities. 841-5955

BOOKKEEPER- Secretary for small business, full-time. Begin mid-end of October. Goode Old Days Motor Drive Cycle Shop, 261-5825, 261-1131.

RETAIL manager, new food shop in Emeryville, Susan 547-8030, 937-2782 or 653-1653, leave message.

OFFICE manager assistant, experienced, good phone presentation, excellent handwriting, familiarity with adding machines a must. Filing, reception, typing and good office appearance needed. Full benefits. Mail resume to: L.O. Resumes, P.O. Box 27083, Oakland, 94602.

TEACHER preschool, 12 units Early Childhood Education plus experience or certificate, permanent, part-time, 849-9121.

DENTAL receptionist. Part-time, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Must be an enthusiastic, self-motivated person. Orthodontic office. Piedmont- Glenview area. 530-4500

HANDY reliable do to manage 30 units in North Oakland near San Leandro. Experience helpful, no required. Write: P.O. Box 877, San Leandro, 94577.

PART-TIME teacher, assistant or aide. Child care, flexible hours. Early Childhood Education units required. Mornings or afternoons. 547-7477.

TOP aerobic studio needs part-time front desk person. If you are health conscious, friendly and organized please call. Perfect for students and mothers. 530-6937

Part time receptionist position needed for landscaping. Must be physically able and outgoing. Days, some evenings and weekends. Call 530-1300.

ROOFER's helper interested in learning the trade. Must be physically capable. Call 562-1442.

RETAIL-Part-time Experienced cashiers needed for busy retail store. Energetic, outgoing persons with supermarket, banking, or related cashier experience only need apply. Also available part-time floor stock and sales. Great for students. Apply in person weekdays, 9:30 to 5:00.

BED, BATH AND BEYOND 590 2nd St. Oakland Near Jack London Square

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BUSY children's clothing store needs part-time employee. Approximately 28 hours month. Must be friendly, energetic, and have flexible schedule. 527-5025 Monday-Friday

GYMBORETE teacher. Play movement program for parents and children, 3 months through 4 years. seeks creative, energetic person, part-time. Group skills essential. Music, dance or drama helpful. 521-0337

MEDICAL Bookkeeper, Berkeley, full-time, pediatric office, experience with accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, in computerized office. Call Judy 849-1744, 10-12 a.m.

RECEPTIONIST- Typist Oakland manufacturer needs pleasant, organized person. Heavy typing and phone experience, figure aptitude required. 534-0274.

APARTMENT Manager for San Leandro complex. Couple preferred, experience helpful. Free apartment plus salary. Light maintenance required. 644-1953.

TEACHER Internship. Paid, flexible hours. Must be Early Childhood Education student. College credit available. Contact Kathleen Evans, The Lake School, 304 Lester Ave., Oakland, 839-4227.

OUR company is seeking a sharp self motivated person for general office. Typing, filing, light bookkeeping, cashiering, phones and customer service. Advancement opportunities. Call 644-2351

WOMAN's retail clothing store needs sales associate. Great opportunities and benefits. Please call Gloria 832-4500

WAIT person a.m., p.m., weekends; half full-time, neat clean, experienced preferred. Apply in person 10-3, Montclair Egg Shop, 6126 Medua Pl.

ACCOUNTANTS We want to talk to you immediately! Our clients are urging us to provide them with:

*ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND RECEIVABLE *PAYROLL SPECIALISTS *BOOKKEEPERS *ACCOUNTANTS *CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

If you are seeking flexible employment (short-term or long-term) and have solid hands-on experience, call us now!

CRATE & BARREL OUTLET

Positions now available for our Berkeley outlet store opening in October. We are seeking bright, enthusiastic individuals for the following positions:

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401 Help Wanted

VOCATIONAL Trainers (2) in yard maintenance and janitorial work. Train adults with developmental disabilities in community work settings. Must have prior appropriate training. Diana Gordon. 839-0050

DOCTOR'S Assistant, part-time and on call, call Gail or Ruth, 652-8091

Furniture Movers 30-50 hours work. Start at \$7 hour, work to \$11 hour. Athletic, friendly, energetic, punctual, and drug free. Will train, advancement opportunities. Apply Monday-Saturday, 10-4, 1819 10th St., Oakland. Department of Motor Vehicles printout required

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST Berkeley internal medicine practice. Part-time. Pick up and deliver dictations. Must have prior appropriate transcription experience. Excellent salary. Please call Dayna 848-8829

PARKING attendant, part-time. \$5.50 hour to start. Ideal for related persons and others, (800) 874-4873

BAKER. Full-time morning position for experienced baker in established East Bay bakery program. Good working environment, benefits. Apply in person Monday or Friday, 11- Noon, Fatapples, Inc., 1346 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley

REGISTERED nurse. Challenging, responsible position in Berkeley internal medicine practice. Back office and patient triage skills required. Full time to work over maternity leave. Excellent salary. Please call Dayna, 848-8829

DRIVER Reliable for daily delivery route. 14 ft truck. Must have experience, clean driving record, good references. Apply in person, 2000, 1425 24th St., Berkeley, 4-2 pm, Monday-Friday

TEACHERS New, exciting Berkeley internal medicine practice. Must be experienced, wonderful. Pay commensurate. 236-5663

TOW truck driver, experience preferred. Class 1. Bring driving record. Barry Brothers, 485-7215

SPANISH teachers for elementary school language program. 8-9:30 am, 4 days weekly starting October 5. No credential required. Send resume or letter. Piedmont Language School, P.O. Box 11092, Oakland, CA, 94611. Call 652-5229 immediately

*Receptionists *Word Processors *Clerical We have positions for you! Connections Temporary 397-1444 Ask for Jay

706 Oakland Piedmont & South

ONE bedroom, 440 40th St., dining room, small building, hardwood floors, \$550, 451-3369.

STUDIO, yard, pets negotiable, \$385, 451-3389.

ONE bedroom, Adam's Point, fireplace, balcony, store room, Ma electric kitchen, garage, \$545 month, 451-3389.

TWO bedroom, Adam's Point, fireplace, balcony, store room, Ma electric kitchen, garage, \$625, 451-3389.

LARGE 1 bedroom apartment close to Piedmont, \$540, Oakdale Realty, 653-1023.

DUPLEX-2 bedroom plus 1 bath, fireplace, yard, hardwood floors, nice neighborhood, parking, \$725, 283-1129, 530-4301.

STUDIO large, clean unit near Grand Lake shops and transportation. \$460 plus deposit. 832-0530.

ONE bedroom large, clean with view overlooking lake. Quiet, secure building. \$655 plus deposit. 763-1665.

ALAMEDA 1 bedroom large, bright, just remodeled, everything new, excellent location near shops and transportation. \$675 plus deposit. 769-9537.

LARGE 1 bedroom near the Lake. Security, quiet building, view, new carpet, new paint, clean. \$500 month. 530-3846.

PARK-Hampel studio \$425; 2 bedroom with deck \$750; yard, no pets. Call 834-9351.

GRACIOUS Victorian 1 bedroom garden apartment. Hariton, MacArthur. All utilities, laundry, \$595, 652-2983.

FREE MICROWAVE with move in ADAM'S Point spacious, sunny, 1 bedroom apartment, garage, 1 bath, includes water, supply, garbage, carpeting, all electric kitchen, drapes, laundry room, quiet building, no pets. Available immediately. Roxanne 839-2247.

ONE bedroom, sunny, all electric kitchen, off street parking, 4 unit building, \$535, 836-3197.

LARGE studio apartment, \$500. Newer in-law unit on Broadway Terrace. Phone evenings 658-2640.

BRAND-NEW 1 bedroom apartments now showing for occupancy October 1988. 4020 Appl. \$525-m \$575, 658-9332.

ONE bedroom, well-kept, secure small building, just off bus, \$450, including heat, 535-0755.

LOVELY upper Rockridge 2 bedroom apartment. Lots of sunlight and space. Just renovated with plenty of storage, terrace, dishwasher and parking. Very quiet security building. No pets. \$800, 652-5051.

LEASE, \$650 month utilities included. Montclair 2 bedroom, 1 bath, sun room, kitchen, laundry, parking. Available October 15. Call Cheenie 654-0498 after 5 p.m.

PIEDMONT 1 bedroom in quiet building. Spacious and spotless, dishwasher, Levolors, parking included and much more. Security building. No pets. \$600, 652-5051.

ONE bedroom, very large, hardwood floors, blinds, quiet secure building, \$525, 834-8157.

STUDIO spacious, hardwood floors, quiet, secure building, \$395 834-8157.

DIMOND District, spacious 1 bedroom flat. Ample closet space, garage, \$465, No pets. 482-9949.

ADAMS Point studio \$435, security building, security garage, carpet, drapes, elevator, laundry room, close to Lake Merritt and transportation, 834-1771.

ADAMS Point 1 bedroom, \$575, security building, garage, close to Lake Merritt, transportation, carpet, drapes, elevator, balcony, laundry room, 834-1771.

1 1/2 Bedroom apartment with carpets and skylights. Victorian building, 1800 Lakeshore. \$575 per month 936-4294.

LAKESHORE-Grand Lake studio, \$400 month. Smaller, remodeled apartment in a twenties Mediterranean castle. Includes utilities. 658-3688.

ONE bedroom, Adam's Point, completely redecorated, beautiful view, sunny, quiet security parking, \$565, 835-3169.

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KITCHEN KIBBITZING? Sure, it is a roomy kitchen in a large sunny 1 bedroom apartment with garage, \$530. Near Piedmont Avenue shopping, 255 41st Street, between Piedmont Avenue and Broadway. 655-6431.

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Handsome architect designed building a short stroll from Piedmont Avenue quality shops and restaurants, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, luxury master suite with private bath, dressing room and walls of shuttered closets, spacious functional kitchen with dishwasher and garbage disposal, chandelier formal dining room, large softly carpeted living room, security parking \$750, 115 Moss Ave. 654-1970.

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Squaky clean 1 bedroom with built-in breakfast nook ready for occupancy. Good location, close to transportation - great manager. \$495. No pets. Manager 658-8453. 3459 Piedmont Avenue.

NORTH OAKLAND 1 BEDROOM Newly remodeled, spacious apartment with hardwood floors and full kitchen. Security building with older charm. \$495. 653-3154 days.

ONE bedroom freshly painted in decorator colors, modern kitchen, carpeted, walk-in closets, private storage room, laundry, off-street parking, clean and quiet six-plex. Sorry, no pets. 290 Park View Terrace. \$655. 452-2424.

ADAMS Point area, 2 bedroom condo, 1 bath, fireplace, hot tub, security building. \$800 531-9475.

MONTCLAIR 1 bedroom flat in house. Rustic area, private, new clean. \$695 includes utilities. 658-2737.

DUPLEX 2 bedroom, fireplace, garage, yard, deck, view, new carpet, no pets. \$675. Chris 658-8446.

IMMACULATE 2 bedroom townhouse, quiet, Mormon Temple area, \$650. No pets. Available. 531-6796.

ADAMS Point, small older building, large 4 room apartment, top floor, hardwood floors, new paint, all utilities, \$695, 752-3737.

ROCKRIDGE near sunny studio cottage, large kitchen, walk BART, \$565, first last, \$300 deposit, 937-3435.

TWO bedroom, 2 bath condo with fireplace, microwave, balcony and more. \$975. Call 268-0810.

EUCLED Court apartments, quiet 1 bedroom with new carpet, drapes, paint, pool, garden. Parking available. \$495. 530-5559.

FAIRMOUNT Towers, quiet building, near shopping, easy commute, pool, garden, 1 bedroom with private patio, \$525; junior 1, \$465; studio, \$395. 839-5682, 268-9175.

NORTH Oakland quiet, sunny 1 bedroom apartment, extra room, hardwood floors, classic fourplex. \$485 548-7515.

LAKE, 1 bedroom, \$395, 2223 Park Blvd., clean, quiet, 839-2968.

TWO bedroom plus sun room in Alameda next to Bay, pool, \$775, 521-6000.

BEAUTIFUL one bedroom, fireplace, formal dining, hardwood, fourplex, garage, water. References required, first and last months rent and cleaning deposit \$550 month. 654-4201 before 7:30 p.m.

SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, breakfast, dining, living room, fourplex, second floor, hardwood floors, washer, garage, easy transportation, \$700. 835-9501 days, 482-5454 evenings.

MONTCLAIR, 5025 Woodminster Lane, attractive 2 bedroom condo, garage, deck, close to shopping and transportation. \$795, 457-1987.

MONTCLAIR, 5025 Woodminster Lane, sunny 1 bedroom condo, garage, deck, view, close to transportation and shops. \$675, 457-1987.

BEAUTIFUL duplex, sunny, French doors, hardwood floors, fireplace, new kitchen, 1 bedroom, spacious dining room, yard, garage, near Children's Hospital, charming, \$750, 849-2253.

NEAR Diamond Park, clean modern 1 bedroom apartment, carpeting, stove, refrigerator, \$450 month, no pets, call after 5 P.M., 530-6670.

CLAREMONT Avenue, spacious studio apartment, heat included, \$475, 658-3436.

ELMWOOD-Rockridge, tiny funky studio apartment, pets welcome, \$450, utilities included, 6422 Colby (Alcatraz), 652-9321.

NORTH Oakland, tiny 2 bedroom, \$595, security, hardwood floors, parking, Bart. \$39 49th (Telegraph), 652-9321.

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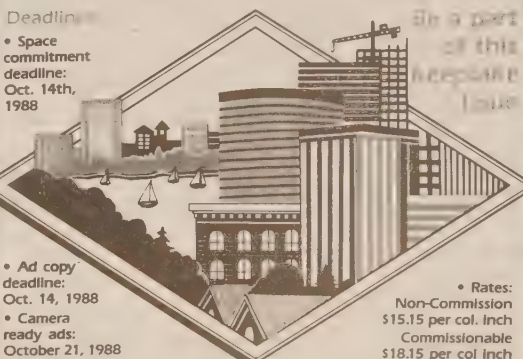
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her spiced up by his suggested gestures, pauses, and movements. Actor Bill Barry, who plays the mother-in-law's aged love, calls Flynn an "on and off" director, because, "He's always on the stage. He shows actors what to do, sits down again, then jumps up to show another movement." True to this assessment, Flynn is on the stage constantly throughout the long rehearsal. He is impressed with his cast, saying, "There is great chemistry here. These people have a lot of experience and the play should be a lot of laughs."

Comedy is a lot harder than it appears, according to several of the actors. Barry, a familiar face to many Bay Area theatergoers because he's been acting locally for 50 years, feels that "All actors like to do comedy. It's the most difficult to do. Audiences don't know that." Although he's performed in a wide variety of plays, including Shakespeare and contemporary drama, Barry always returns to comedy. "It's unpredictable. You never know when a laugh will come. You must always be prepared for it, though," he says, with a slow smile.

Mari Shine, who plays one of the daughters in *Social Security*, feels that comedy is the biggest stretch for her. "The challenge is to be the character as much as you can. Don't try to be funny." She is happy with Flynn's work. "He's brilliant. He did the blocking (stage movements) right away. Then, because we did the action first, behavior creates the

character. Also, he allows the characters to be three-dimensional. They're very human—not caricatures." She finds the play "one of the most hopeful shows I've done. People change and evolve. It's a lot like real life. One of the important things about this show is that it lets people laugh at themselves."

Within the humorous structure, the play addresses many issues important for modern families. The play's two daughters can't decide where their mother should live, and the mother, feeling like a burden, is often grumpy. "This will appeal to a wide age range," says CCCT Publicist Parcae Fort. "All of us have parents who drive us up the wall at some point in time. Yet it will appeal to an older audience, too. It shows the mother in a good light. It shows that she can fall in love, travel, all at her age. The issues it deals with could happen at any point in time." Actor Shine agrees. "I worked out a lot of personal family problems through during the show. It made me think about my family in a new way."

One of the theater's main strengths is the variety of audience it attracts. Through a children's theater program, "Kids of all ages are involved in the theater year-round," according to Fort. Adults and seniors have many opportunities to be involved, too. "This theater is really open to anyone who wants to be involved," says Fort.

A product for the community,

the theater is one of a growing community theaters which primarily operated by volunteers. Small theaters such as these have a vital function, according to Barry. "It is an outlet for many talented people who have a sense of 'I'm going to be an actor. Where do I start?' It also feels that it serves as a relaxing alternative to theatergoers. "Going into Francisco to see a show. But at community theaters people can have a nice dinner home, Dad can wear a hat, thoroughly enjoy great food within barking distance of \$15, and it will only cost \$15."

CCCT is one of the best areas, according to Barry, this is largely due to the family, who began the theater and who are still very involved. "Sets (by Louis Flynn's) are magnificent. As for anything you'd ever want to see. He also has high praise for Flynn. "He listens. He's in control, but not dominating."

The theater owes its success to the people who began it, who still work there, such as Flynn family and the volunteers who do the bulk of the work, according to Barry. "It's because you like to be in it. In fact, a lot of people who the theater started this way."

Meanwhile, four actors are bare stage await a word from Louis Flynn. Rising from the empty house, he scratches chin. "Let's try it again," says. "Let's make it funny."

Schools...

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to-School Night, 7-9 p.m., Bake Sale in cafeteria
Oct. 8: SAT Test, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., El Cerrito High
Call the school at 525-0234.

Kennedy High

Math/Science/Technology
Sept. 29: Freshman Officers Inauguration

Sept. 30-Oct. 1: Play: "Barefoot in the Park", 7:30 p.m., cafeteria

Oct. 4: All City Council Barbecue

Oct. 5: School Pictures

Oct. 6: Faculty-Staff Recognition Reception

Oct. 6: Minimum Day, Back-to-School Night, 7 p.m.

Oct. 8: SAT Test

Call the school at 235-2291.

Parochial Schools

St. Jerome's School
Sept. 30: Feast of St. Jerome
Oct. 7: School Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 9: Liturgy, 9 a.m.

Oct. 10: School Holiday (Columbus Day)

Call the school at 525-9484.

St. John's School

Sept. 26-30: SRA Testing
Oct. 3: First full day for first graders

Oct. 3: LITA Student Meeting, 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Oct. 5: Free Dress Day, 2 p.m. dismissal

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Oct. 10: School Holiday (Columbus Day)

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Boyan's equation = more math and science

By Juliana Ferraz da Rocha

EL CERRITO -- Craig Boyan is trying to reach an equation at Cornell Elementary School. The friendly and talkative man, who was appointed as new principal in June, has high hopes for the school's recent emphasis in math and science.

Starting in a newly painted school, with new windows, new carpets and a new playground surface, Boyan said he is excited about this new experience. "This is a specially happy place. I am delighted to be here," he said.

Boyan, who has ten years experience with the Albany School District, nevertheless had to face the barrage of interviews with parents, administrators, teachers, staff, and finally the district superintendent and the school board to reach this level.

Having survived that, he intends to focus his administration on two areas, math and science. Math was chosen mainly because Cornell was selected in summer 1987 as one of a small number of schools in California to participate in a program of the "math curriculum implementation center" in Hayward.

The center is part of a state-funded program that provides teacher training on home campuses. Cornell's math teachers have been trained by educators from the center again this year. Essentially, the program's purpose is to get teachers acquainted with new ideas about teaching math.

"Most new ideas are complex, but if I were to state them simply, I would say children learn best by doing things. It is important that children see math as a way of solving problems, instead of just memorizing how to do addition and subtraction," Boyan said.

"We want children to develop their understanding of how math works and how it can be applied to their real lives. These two things need to be balanced," he added.

Essentially, Boyan wants children to find out that "math learning is fun."

New materials were introduced by the innovative program. Instead of just paper, pencils and workbooks, children were given things they could use with their hands. Little blocks, cubes and rocks were some of the tools used to add and subtract.

This is the second year of the three-year project.

Science will be another intensive study area this year. "We think this is a good place for young children to get excited about living things and other wonders of nature," said Boyan.

The main focus will be biological science, as opposed to physics and chemistry. Marine mammals, such as dolphins and whales, are very popular among kids and the school is looking for an exciting project in this area, according to Boyan.

"The idea of teaching for understanding also applies to science. For instance, we do not want kids to just memorize facts about magnetism. We want them to actually work with magnets," he said.

One condition Boyan will have

to meet is a list of curriculum guides put out by the state in the last five years. Boyan said his purpose is to take the state's best thinking, combine it with what the school is doing and come up with a synthesis. It is a way of coordinating what the district schools are doing with what is happening at the state level, he said.

He also emphasized that October is membership month for the PTA. "We have a very good and strong PTA board. Our schools could not run without the help of parents volunteering. They help in the classrooms, with field trips, in the library, on the playground, everywhere. They raise funds for things we could not do otherwise," he said.

A winter holiday sale is already scheduled for the early part of December, during which the PTA will buy goods at the regular price and make them available to children at low prices. Kids can then give them to people for the holidays.

Talks geared toward parent education are also a likely part of the PTA's plans. Past speakers have talked on topics ranging from getting along with children in the home to how computers are used in the school.

"I have been working with the PTA and I am certain that we will have a lot of fun things for parents to work on, so that they become part of the lights of the school," Boyan said.



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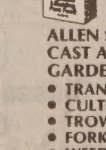
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